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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action on the merits of October 28, 2008 ("the OA"), for which a response is initially due on January 21, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

Transmittal letter.